



# Lake Lanier Association

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## **RE: Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Request for Shore Sweep 2024 Assistance**

To Whom it May Concern:

The Lake Lanier Association (LLA) is proud to have the continued support of Hall County for our efforts in our annual shoreline cleanup, Shore Sweep. Shore Sweep has removed over 80 tons of trash from Lanier annually and in 2023, we had a record-breaking attendance of volunteers – over 1,600 helping hands. You can learn more about our Shore Sweep cleanup at [www.lakelanier.org/shore-sweep/](http://www.lakelanier.org/shore-sweep/).

The intent of this letter is to request a meeting time or agenda spot for a Hall County Commissioner's meeting in August 2024. We rely heavily on community partnerships like yours to be successful in our efforts towards a Clean, Full and Safe Lake Lanier. We are once again approaching the date for our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Shore Sweep event to be held on **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**.

LLA is eager to continue the conversation around addressing encapsulated foam and the increasingly challenging removal of such debris. While we've created an incredible partnership with United Rentals to safely remove the foam blocks from Lake Lanier, and in larger quantities than ever before, we are faced with the challenge of disposing of it after the event. The LLA is dedicated to finding a long-term solution for this problem, but we must rely on community partners to help us dispose of it responsibly in the meantime.

This year, we are requesting a minimum of two (2) dumpsters at each of the following locations to allow for the foam to be collected and disposed of separately. Disposal weight, as reported by Hall County Landfill for the 2022 event, is listed next to the sites to aid in determining whether 2 dumpsters are sufficient for each location.

Locations include:

- Holly Park (4.8 Tons)
- Gainesville Marina (4.1 Tons)
- Laurel Park (2.3 Tons)
- Balus Creek (2.25 Tons)
- Lanier Islands (2.18 Tons)
- Van Pugh – New Location, Replacing Aqualand Marina (5.71 Tons)
- Little River – New Location, Due to volunteer demand and increased activity.

Please accept this as my formal request for time on the next Board of Commissioners meeting agenda to present this challenge and obtain any approvals necessary to prepare for this event. We are eager to gain the support of Hall Co. to continue our mission towards a Clean, Full and Safe Lake Lanier!

Sincerely,

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